

MERGER OF LINES BUILT TO SERVICE

Facilities Suffered When Interests Were Combined, Say Shippers.

ROUTING WAS REARRANGED

Railroad Men Recall Conference When They Were Told to End Hostilities Between O. R. & N. and Southern Pacific.

had been changed but that he liked the change. Mr. Otwell said he had been handling 10 to 40 cars of fruit from his own orchards and anywhere from 20 to 150 cars per season for other growers, depending on the season. Previous to the merger, most of the Modford fruit had moved via Sacramento and the Central Pacific to Ogden. Now it all goes north to Portland, thence east over the O. R. & N., Short Line and Union Pacific. Prior to the formation of the merger, he said, freight solicitors for the Denver & Rio Grande used to come into the valley but did not do so any more. Mr. Otwell, however, said he had routed only a few cars over the Denver & Rio Grande and did so only because the solicitors were "good fellows," as he thought the route not the best. He said he believed that fruit shippers of his territory were getting quicker and better service via the Portland gateway and he had never heard of any desire among his neighbors to routing over the Denver & Rio Grande. The fruit, he said, kept better if shipped by a northern route. He also said there had been no change in rates since 1901 and he thought the shippers in his locality were very well satisfied with the rates on Eastern shipments. Mr. Otwell's testimony dealt with shipments of apples and pears.

Tells of Earlier Conditions.

The testimony given by W. H. Hurlburt, general passenger agent for the Union Pacific for ten years prior to 1901, the date of the merger, dealt largely with competition in San Francisco and Portland prior to the merger. It was necessary, he said, to route passengers from Portland as far as Ogden over the Southern Pacific. The latter road preferred routing over the Sunset but the Ogden route was the shorter, and got the business. The Southern Pacific supplied the Union Pacific a full complement of tickets which were placed on sale in the Union Pacific office. He said he did not regard the O. R. & N. boats as competing with the railroad for passenger business between Portland and San Francisco, owing to the infrequency of their sailings, while the independent boats, during his term of service for the company, were not important from a passenger standpoint.

SPEAKS ON LAND REFORM

Wallace McCamant Lectures Under Auspices of Irish League.

In his lecture last night before the union mass meeting of St. Francis, Sacred Heart and St. Stephen's parishes, in St. Stephen's Hall, East Taylor and East Forty-fourth streets, on "Irish Land Reform," Wallace McCamant gave a comprehensive review of the land reform movement in Ireland as inaugurated by the Irish patriot, Michael Davitt. While the subject is a dry historical one, Mr. McCamant was able to impart a glow of interest as he pictured the rapid advance of the people of Ireland, making under the land reform laws, which enables them to acquire a title to their homes, where they had been mere tenants for many years.

Conference Ends Competition.

Prior to the time of this conference, competition between solicitors for railroad business was keen, according to these witnesses. The instructions from Mr. Campbell, as understood by Mr. Wilde, were that agents for the three roads were to work more harmoniously together. They were told that Atlantic seaboard lines were to move via the Sunset route through Southern California, El Paso and New Orleans, so far as practicable. Traffic in general was to move whichever way would be most profitable to the system. If the Southern Pacific could make more money than one of the other roads of the merger, carrying a certain traffic, the Union Pacific or O. R. & N. solicitors were not to go after that business, but they were not supposed to interfere with the Southern Pacific. Mr. Wilde said he came to Portland without knowing for what purpose the meeting had been called.

MUST STAY IN PORTLAND

This Will Interest Those Who Have No Pianos.

I brought four different sample styles of our finest pianos to the Coast. I wanted to establish an agency in San Francisco. I showed these samples to every dealer there. Everybody praised them highly. No one found fault. But conditions of trade have been and are such in California that no one was in position to accept the representation of our finest pianos. Then I brought these samples to Portland. I found the same situation here. I don't want to establish an agency back to the factory. So I left them with our family's old friends, the Messrs. Ellers. I told them to sell these pianos at wholesale, or even less, rather than have me pay freight back. I can't publish prices. That would hurt the future sale and representation of our instruments. But I am willing to take cost and less than cost. They are good pianos. They will please any teacher, any cultured musician. Numerous pianos bearing my father's name and sold here maybe a dozen years ago, are used every day in the homes of Portland. We will sell these pianos on time if responsible buyers are not prepared to pay all cash. Ask for me or Mr. Reed, at Ellers, Popular Dry Goods Store, cor. 2d and Madison streets.—Wm. T. Brinkerhoff.

EXPANSION SALE.

This is no ordinary spectacular—flushing the people—sale. We feel in duty bound to make some compensation to our customers during the alterations. We have marked the entire stock at special prices, in some cases at less than wholesale, and in plain figures. We invite an inspection of the stock and prices. McAllen-McDonnell, Popular Dry Goods Store, cor. 2d and Morrison. See the Millinery and New Sample Suits.

STEAMER COMPETITION ENDS.

Testimony by other witnesses also went into the steamship traffic history extensively. It was brought out by the Government that until the time of the merger, lumber-carrying steam schooners and the independent steamship lines operating between Portland and San Francisco were not factors in the passenger business and that the O. R. & N. at times operated as many as four vessels on the route and for two years gave a provided three-day sailings. The present schedule of the two vessels still known as O. R. & N. boats is every seven days.

FRUIT ROUTING CHANGED.

John Otwell, a fruit shipper of Modford, Or., testified that since the merger, the routing of fruit cars from his territory

MAN MEASURES CONFRONT VOTER

Long List of Titles Will Be on Ballots in the June Election.

TAKE TIME TO CONSIDER

Average Citizen Will Be Deafened for a While in Reading Through 27 Summaries of Proposed Charter Changes.

Ballot titles for 27 different measures to be voted on in the June election have been prepared by the City Attorney, filed in the office of the City Auditor for the required five days, and are now in the hands of the printer. These ballot titles do not include those of several initiative measures, petitions for which have not yet been accepted by the Auditor. The excise board petition, the Gothenburg petition, Market-street bridge petition and the principal light plant petition and the Sherman-street bridge petition are still withheld pending the completion of the checking or action by the Auditor. The ballot title prepared for the proposed general revision of the charter will head the list of measures, and will read as follows:

MERCHANTS SAVINGS & TRUST COMPANY

247 Washington St.

The discharge was not made in good faith for the purpose of improving the public service and that in case any discharge of the burden of proof shall be upon the discharged employee.

ALL SELL WELL.

Every suit in our entire collection is meeting with unstinted favor—everybody says: "There isn't a homely one in the entire line. \$15 and \$25. J. L. Bowman & Co., 5th and Alder."

SHORT ROUTE TO ST. PAUL.

The new Soo-Spokane-Portland line is the short route to the Twin Falls titles. Its service, de Luxe. The finest transcontinental trains now in use.

MASS MEETING AT ST. JOHN.

There will be a mass meeting tonight at the First Baptist Church of St. John under the auspices of the Civic Federation Society. There will be a good program of addresses, interspersed with music. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

ROCKAWAY BEACH LOTS.

Rockaway Beach lots \$20—\$5 down, \$5 per month, no interest. C. J. Owen & Co., 414 Lumber Exchange.

FREE RENT OFFER.

Free rent for the Summer to lot buyers at Gregory Heights. It's money to you. See ad on page 11.

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COMMERCIAL

CHECK ACCOUNTS—unrestricted.

IN OUR NEW QUARTERS

At Sixth and Washington Streets With Unexcelled Equipment After July 1.

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ACQUISITION, INSTALLATION, IMPROVEMENT AND REPAIR OF INCALCULATING PLANTS AND THEIR NECESSARY ACCESSORIES, FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF FERRUGINEOUS IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND, BY AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 8, CHAPTER 7, OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, BY INSERTING THEREIN A NEW SECTION TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION 325.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 331 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, BY AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE TO APPOINT ONE DEPUTY CLERK OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT, AND TO EXTEND HIS TERM OF OFFICE TO TWO YEARS.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 340 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, PROVIDING THAT THE AUDITOR SHALL ACT AS CLERK OF THE VIEWERS AND PREPARE THEIR REPORTS IN ALL PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ENLARGEMENT, LAYING OUT, OPENING, WIDENING OR CHANGE OF ANY STREET.

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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 407 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, INCREASING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FROM THE LEGAL RATE TO THE RATE OF 10 PER CENT PER ANNUM.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 421 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, PROVIDING THAT THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE CITY OF ANY LOCAL IMPROVEMENT BE CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT THE SAME IS DONE ACCORDING TO PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY.

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ELMHURST

The sale of lots nearby at from three to five times the prices asked by us, is stimulating sales in Elmhurst. Only a few lots left.

ALL WILL BE GONE IN A FEW DAYS.

Restricted district. All improvements. Close in. Prices low. Easy terms. Make your selection in Elmhurst today. We will show you by automobile.

American Trust Co.

200 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Main 3143; A 1312

LAND OPENING

AT GOODING IN SOUTHERN IDAHO

THE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY OF SECURING A HOME OF 5, 10 or 20 acres, where all kinds of fruit can be grown to perfection, such as apples, pears, plums, peaches and all small fruits and berries.

1200 acres of the Home Ranch of Ex-Gov. Gooding, adjoining the Townsite of Gooding, on the Main Line of the Oregon Short Line, and the junction of the Idaho Southern, which serves the great Twin Falls North Side Tract, will be offered for sale to Home-Makers only.

UNDER CAREY ACT RULES ON MONDAY, MAY 17, 1909

This land will be sold on easy terms to the man who will improve it and build a home. Not a single tract of this land will be sold to the speculator, but only to the man who is willing to enter into a contract to cultivate it and build a home thereon within a year, and not more than 20 acres will be sold to any one person.

These tracts will be sold at prices ranging from \$360 per acre for those adjoining the townsite to \$200 per acre for those more remote. None of this land is more than one-half mile from the Idaho Southern Railroad, now being operated, and which will soon be turned into an electric line.

A large portion of this ranch has been in alfalfa for the past 10, 15 and 20 years and is now in cultivation to sugar beets, alfalfa and grain.

FIRST-CLASS WATER RIGHT WITH EACH TRACT

Easy terms will be given, one-fifth cash at time of purchase and balance in ten annual payments, with interest at rate of 6 per cent.

DEPOSIT REQUIRED

A deposit of \$100 must be made with the Gooding Townsite Company before noon of the 17th of May by those desiring to participate in this drawing. If no selection is made money will be refunded.

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WEIGHED AND FOUND WANTING

Suppose you were placed on an island upon which there were just two houses, belonging to two men, one of which was offered for sale at \$20 a month for six years, and the other was offered for rent for \$20 a month for life, which house would you take?

ONE DOESN'T NEED A COLLEGE EDUCATION TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION, AND YET MANY WHO HAVE COLLEGE EDUCATIONS DON'T ANSWER IT AS WELL AS A LITTLE CHILD

Could. Why? Don't ask me. I don't know why people prefer to throw money away rather than invest it in a home where they get the dividends every day they live. And yet, we are converting many of them. It is slow and expensive work, but it is bringing them in. Many of Portland's best citizens, active, energetic, ambitious people, who have grown tired of the landlord's lash and his overbearing methods, have bought lots and are building homes in GREGORY HEIGHTS. Some of them are camping right on the ground, and they are saving rent every day.

Come out. Take a look at this splendid tract, and view the mountains, the river and the city. Inspect it on every side, and see if you can find such another proposition for the man who pays rent. See if you can find another as new tract in the city with as many homes actually in course of construction.

There's a reason. Ask about our FREE RENT OFFER to lot buyers. It's money in your pocket.

Take East Ankeny-Rose City Park car to end of line, and don't be misled, but see a GREGORY HEIGHTS salesman. We won't say all others are imitations, but some are.

GREGORY HEIGHTS the Best Place for a Home.

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